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In re application of:

John G.K. Williams *et al.*

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NUCLEOTIDES

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the specification on page 1, line 1 as follows:

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This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/209,896, filed June 7, 2000, and 60/286,238, filed April 24, 2001, both the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes. This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/876,374 filed on